



Departure Bay Family Update, Feb. 26, 2024

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Principal's Message



I am thrilled to witness the incredible positive spirit that defines our Departure Bay Elementary school community. The Kindness Squad is spreading warmth and compassion, creating a culture of support and inclusion. It was heartening to see the spirited cheers from our students during the staff vs. students volleyball game, showcasing the unity within our community. The friendly attitudes of our students, the beautiful artwork adorning our halls, and the unwavering support for our sports teams truly reflect the strength of our community bonds. Our nature adventures - trips to Wardropper Park, beach visits, walks to Sugarloaf mountain - highlight our love for outdoor learning.

Together, we're creating a welcoming and vibrant school environment! What a great place to learn and grow!

Save the Date

Upcoming Events:

February

28 Pink Shirt Day

March

- 1 Hot lunch- Subway
- 6 Progress Reports sent via email
- 8 Last Day before Spring Break
- 9 - 22 SPRING BREAK

Wellington Grade Eight Band Performance

The Wellington Grade 8 Band's visit was fantastic! Many of the members used to be our students, and it was great to see them perform. They put in a lot of practice hours, and it really paid off in their amazing performance. It made us proud to see our former students doing so well in their musical journey.

The whole event highlighted the lasting impact of music education, and it was a joyful experience for everyone involved. Hopefully, we will continue to see our Intermediate Band students joining this amazing band for years to come.

Thanks to Wellington Grade Eight Band and their teacher, Carmella Luvisotto, for the excellent show!



Cool It! Climate Challenge

Several classes participated in the "Cool It!" challenge, where students learn about climate change and take action.

This workshop and contest involve games and discussions to teach climate education. After the workshop, students take on a four-week "Cool It!" Challenge, encouraging families to make small changes in energy use. The goal is to reduce their carbon footprint.

Division 11 had the highest number of students participating in all of the city!

Because of their outstanding participation, the Mayor visited the class to recognize and celebrate their commitment to helping the environment.



Kindness Squad

The Kindness Squad is back in action!

This lively group of students from Mrs. Cairns' class makes it their mission to bring a smile to the faces of our school community with their Friday Morning Dance Party! What a wonderful way to get us all ready for the day!



Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game

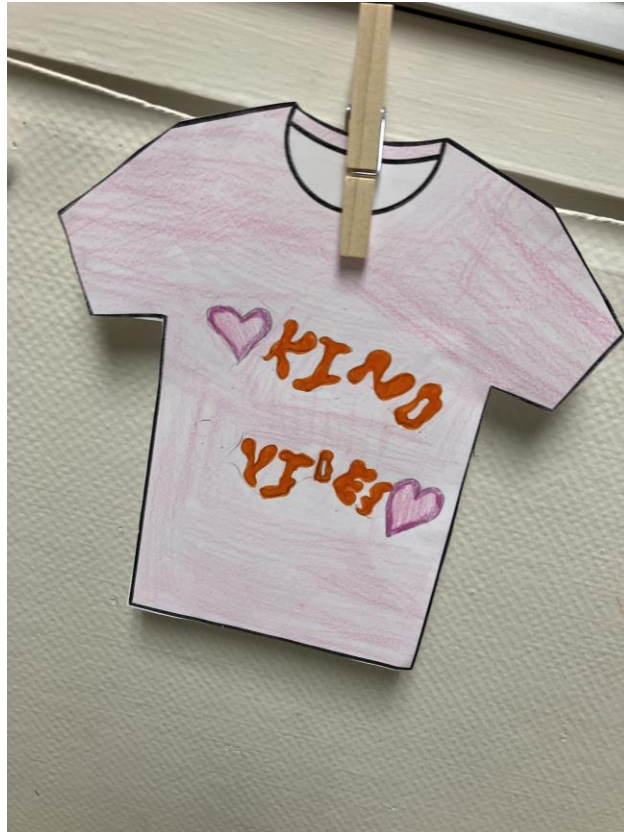
Enthusiastic cheers echoed through the gym as Departure Bay Elementary served up some friendly competition and a whole lot of fun with a Teachers vs. Students volleyball game. Teachers brought their A-game, students brought the energy, and everyone had fun!



Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is about stopping bullying and spreading kindness. People wear pink shirts to show they're against bullying. It started when students in Canada stood up to homophobic bullying by giving out pink shirts. Now, it's a global movement promoting empathy and saying no to bullying in schools and communities.

Wear your pink shirt on Wednesday to show that you say no to bullying!





A Message from PAC

This year's fun fair is on Friday May 24th. We can't wait to have another amazing night. We will be having even more inflatables, cotton candy, a concession stand and new this year is a vendor market!

This year we are also looking for sponsors for the inflatables. If you own a business or would like to just sponsor an inflatable please email dbspac@gmail.com¹

This is a great way to get your business out there and support an amazing cause!

Departure Bay Artists

Our hallways are full of whimsical and wonderful artwork!



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